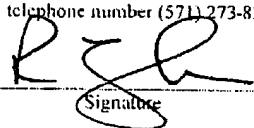


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Invention: System and Method for Host  
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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED AUGUST 8, 2006

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In response to the Office Action mailed August 8, 2006, Applicants submit this response and respectfully request reconsideration of the Examiner's objections and rejections.

Petition for Extension of Time

Applicants petition for a two-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 up to and including January 8, 2006. Applicants hereby authorize and instruct the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to charge Deposit Account No. 02-0383 (matter 016295.0635) of Baker Botts

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